

**Canadian Wayfarer Association
Executive Committee**

Saturday 2 December 2017, 10:00 am

37 Meadowcrest Dr, Toronto

Minutes

In attendance: Rob Wierdsma, Anne Pugh, Al Schonborn, Hans Gottschling, Mike Codd, Leo Van Kampen, Jan d'Ailly, Alastair Ryder-Turner, Kit Wallace; via Skype: Steph Romaniuk, Sue Pilling, Dave Hansman;

Absent: Susan Davis, Alan Asselstine;

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

- approval moved by Scott (seconded by Al); passed

2. Business Arising:

- Marg Duncan has agreed to take on the role of Trophy Secretary
- Sue has shared photos of the long distance trophy

3. Treasurers Report:

- Mike reported that we have just over \$2000 in the bank with previously outstanding invoices paid; there is some money in the PayPal account; Mike will have a full financial statement for the AGM;

4. Advertising Report:

- Steph reported that he has had responses from two advertisers, Skippers Plan and Hans Gottschling; he is still awaiting reply from the others; there was a suggestion to follow up with the outstanding advertisers with a phone call;
- there was a question about how much revenue has come in from having Google ads on the website; so far the returns have been low; **[Jan will follow up with Mark Dineen to see if we can get some analysis of the effectiveness of the ads]**

5. Membership Report:

- Kit reported that we are now up to 60 members, with two new members recently added; we are down 12 members compared to last year; Al will post a notice on the website mentioning that calendars are shipping out to paid up members, and encourage renewal; **[Action: Kit will send Al updates on the invitation to join the association]**
- Jan has offered to survey for details of the sailing interests and activities of members of the Association; there was some discussion about how widely to survey, with consensus that surveying more widely could gain us some useful information; **[Action: Jan will prepare the survey, and circulate it to current and present members, sailing clubs, etc; he will also share the link to the survey with Al for posting on the website]**

6. Training Report:

- Jan reported that he has been in communication with Ontario Sailing to plan the training event

at the Warm Water Regatta; the cost for the training session is \$300, absorbed by the association in the past two years, which argues in favour of charging a fee for the members who register; consensus was in favour of having a \$20 fee per boat, to be collected with the registration fee;

7. Events Calendar:

- Al circulated a printout of the events page from the website;
 - The Midwinters will also be the US National Championship;
 - the Rock Hall weekend will also be the North American championship
 - There are few or no details at the moment for the following: Lansing regatta, which is expected to be in mid-May; BOD, which expected to run again this year on the first weekend of June; Chesapeake cruise; Tawas is likely to move from September to early July
 - the Canadian championship was tentatively scheduled for the third weekend of July at TS&CC; the Ontario championship was pencilled in for mid-September in Parry Sound to coincide with developing plans for the Albacore Nationals; the Albacore fleet typically race three days; Sue is coordinating with Sail Parry Sound on the details; there was some discussion of making this weekend the Wayfarer Nationals to match up with the Albacores, and consensus was to make that plan, and make the July regatta at TS&CC the Ontarios; **[Action: AL will confirm with Tom Wharton]**
 - There was some discussion of holding the National Long Distance race in North Bay, with suggestions favouring going light on the organization to make it easier for the hosts; **[Action: Dave will have some discussion with other in North Bay to gauge the willingness to host]**
 - Plans are in developing for a cruising rally in Wisconsin in early August, and the Hermit Island rally is planned for the second week of August;

8. Proposed Rule Changes:

- Two proposals have come forward regarding the allowed size of mast-head flotation, and to require the tack of the mainsail to be pinned to the boom; there was some discussion of the second proposal with no consensus; the proposed changes will be brought to the AGM as a motion for discussion **[Action: Anne will get final wording on the proposed changes to Al for posting on the website, and for Scott to include in the notice of AGM]**

9. AGM:

- There was consensus on holding the AGM on Saturday 6 January, at TS&CC if they are able to host **[Action: Mike to coordinate with TS&CC to work out whether they can provide staff; he will report back as soon as he has confirmation one way or the other; notice on the website will note that the location is tentative]**
- Election of executive:
 - Anne re-expressed her wish to have someone new step forward for election as Chair; Rob indicated his willingness to consider it;
- Dave will bring some sample caps to the AGM to consider for 2018 prizes;
- Other business to add to the agenda: none

10. Awards for AGM:

- There was some discussion of the list of nominees that Al had circulated; **[Action: Al, Leo and Alastair will work as a sub-committee to make the final decision on award winners]**
- Al mentioned that Anne and David Pugh squeaked out a 1-point win for the Storer Trophy; prizes will be awarded for the top three places; **[Action: Scott will pick up bottles of wine for**

the prizes]

- **[Action: Anne will send out a reminder email to return trophies]**

11. Other Business

- Jan asked whether there was any interest in a cross-country ski weekend in February; there was some interest and a number of possible venues; **[Action: Jan will investigate possibilities and pass any final details along to Al for posting on the website]**
- There was a carry-over of discussion from the last meeting on redoing the plaques on the National Long Distance Race trophy **[Action: Sue will pass the trophy on to Al at the AGM and he will take it to his trophy guru]**

Next executive meeting: Saturday 24 February, location TBD

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 (moved by Jan, seconded by Rob)